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¶1. (C) India is likely to support strongly US efforts to designate domestically and under UNSCR 1267 Kuwait's Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS) as a financier of international terrorism. Indian officials have previously expressed their fear of spillover of the group's activities in Bangladesh into West Bengal and the rest of India. We are unaware of any significant charitable activity in India by the organization, but India has mechanisms in place with its banking system to ensure that financial bans based on UNSCR 1267 designations are enforced.

¶2. (S) Comment: Our counterparts at India's External Affairs Ministry will probably use the opportunity of any eventual designation to recommend that the US take similar steps at the UN to designate Jamaat-ud Dawa, a Pakistan-based organization that frequently diverts funding from its charitable activity -- including donations raised to support Kashmir earthquake relief -- to support Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba's terrorist attacks in India. Indian officials frequently raise their concern that our efforts represent a double standard -- working diligently against al-Qaida-linked organizations while turning a blind eye to threats from Pakistan-based groups that launch attacks in India that kill hundreds of Indians annually. We will need to be prepared with examples of our efforts at the UN to date against Jamaat-ud Dawa when discussing the proposed designation of RIHS as an international terrorism financier.  
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